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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.115

Sir:

In response to the official action dated January 12, 1995, Applicants provide the following amendment and response.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Eancel claims 1-28, and substitute the following new claims 29-41:

- 29. A DNA molecule comprising an isolated DNA sequence selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) nucleotides #579 to #882 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and
- (b) sequences which hybridize to (a) under stringent hybridization conditions and encode a protein which exhibits the ability to form tendon/ligament-like-tissue.
- 30. A DNA molecule comprising an isolated DNA sequence selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) nucleotides encoding for amino acids #1 to #104 of SEQ ID NO: 2; and

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